

A DOMESTIC TRAGEDY.

A Maryland Farmer Shot and Mortally Wounded.

Fatal Termination of a Long-Standing Family Quarrel—The Murderer's Wife Assisting in the Attack Upon Her

Stettin—Flight and Subsequent Arrest of the Murderer—Full Details.

Shooting Affray in Prince George's County.
The whole neighborhood in the vicinity of Hatton's Hill, Prince George's County, Md., was shocked, on Saturday at about 5 o'clock

p. m., by a startling domestic tragedy, which will doubtless result in the death of Thomas Adams, a well-known and highly respected citizen of this city. Adams was shot by

in his own house by his stepson John Spencer, one shot cutting through the throat and lodging in the back of the neck, and the other in

the back. After the shooting, although bleeding profusely, Adams rode two miles to the office of Dr. H. Gay Ward, at Piscataway, to have his wounds dressed. He was brought

back in a carriage to his brother's house, where, when our reporter called last evening, he lay at the point of death and unable to articulate a word or receive nourishment. The

wounds have been probed and one ball extracted, but the one passing through the throat cannot be reached. His ante-mortem statement was taken on Saturday, soon after the shooting of his wounds by Dr. W. M. ...

pressing of his wounds by Dr. Ward. The Spencer, the would be murderer, was arrested by the sheriff of Prince George County about 9 o'clock on Sunday morning and lodged in the jail at Marlborough to await the action of

The circumstances of the tragedy seems to be as follows: Adams, who is a farmer of that section of central Georgia which is the theatre of the great cotton industry, was

region, of good repute and about fifty years of age, was married some years ago to the widow of John Schaff. Mrs. Adams, formerly Schaff, brought to her husband's home a family of small children, who were reared and cared for

by Adams until grown and settled. Spencer, who turned out to be a worthless fellow, married one of the daughters, and after a few years deserted her, leaving her and three children in the care of Adams, who supported

Adams, who supported and cared for them for about two years. About twelve months ago he returned, and took up his abode with Adams, but more recently had moved into another house on the

same farm. During these years the wife of Adams, instigated by the children of her first husband, had become disaffected and sued for a divorce. The application appearing to be without foundation, the bill was dismissed.

without discussion, the bill was dismissed, but some time after, Mrs. Adams left her husband, and is at present in Kentucky with friends. Bad feeling had existed for several days between Adams and Spencer with refer-

ence to the household furniture in Adams' house, portions of which were claimed by both parties, and on account of which Adams had forbidden Spencer his house. On Saturday Spencer, accompanied by his wife, went to

Spencer, accompanied by his wife, went to Adams' house and commenced to remove the furniture. They had removed everything but the last bed when Adams remonstrated. Spencer clutched with him, Adams, as is stated,

backed him over a trunk, when Spencer drew a pistol and fired, the ball taking effect in Adams' throat as stated. Upon this Spencer's wife caught hold of Adams and pulled him back, when Spencer fired at him again, the shot this

time taking effect in his back, Spencer then died. The affray occurred up stairs. There was a colored man—a servant of Adams' who afterwards procured the horse for him—in the

lower part of the house, and also a white man, but they did not know of the affair in time to interfere. Pools of blood were on the floor, and household goods promiscuously strewn about the yard after the affair was over. The

whole neighborhood is excited and anxious over the result, and a general sympathy is expressed for Adams.

Brown Brought to This City—Arrest of Female Accomplices.
Detectives Anton and Cosmos returned from

New York Saturday night, bringing with them George Brown, the colored man arrested Friday for complicity in the pension frauds, as printed

in Saturday's REPUBLICAN. Saturday afternoon Detective Voss and Lieutenant Vernon on complaint of Special Agent Arthur Shephard, of the Pension Bureau, arrested Alice

Miller and Mollie Jarboe, two white women implicated in Brown's operations. Mr. Shepherd, who has been for many days upon these cases, has collected a large amount of evidence

and has traced the operations of Brown and his accomplices so closely that there seems to be little doubt of their conviction by the courts.

The woman after arrest Saturday has been used by Brown to personate prisoners and draw money upon certificates, with which he furnished her. She has personated three different women in this city, Baltimore and

Philadelphia. The other woman has been used chiefly as a bogus witness, to identify the pretended pensioners. For this service she has been rewarded on each occasion by amounts of money, ranging from \$1 to \$2. Half of the

money, ranging from \$1 to \$2. Some of the women are of bad reputation, Alice Miller being a denizen of the disreputable locality on Thirteen-and-a-half street, between C and D, and Mollie Jarboe being an inmate of Shea's

Row, on Maryland avenue, between Third and Four-and-a-half streets southwest. Brown and the women are held at Police head quarters for a hearing.

Notes From St. Dominic's Parish.
The announcement of the death of Rev. Father Neville, from yellow fever at Memphis several days ago was made at the morning

services in St. Dominic's church yesterday. A solemn high mass for the repose of his soul will be celebrated Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

An order to be known as the "Religious

Confraternity of our Lady of Lourdes," was established at St. Dominic's church yesterday afternoon, 219 names being enrolled. The objects of the order are to increase the interest

The new convent of St. Dominic on Sixth, between E and F streets southwest, is roofed in and the work of laying the floors will commence this morning. The new offices is free

from debt thus far, but in order to meet necessary expenses a fair will be held for its benefit some time during November.

Death of a Well-Known Druggist.
At an early hour yesterday morning Mr. L. W. Wright, the well-known druggist of South Washington, died at his residence of

Diabetes. Deceased was about sixty years of age, and had conducted business at the corner of Seventh and " streets south of it for the past fifteen years. He was better known as

"Red" Wright among his many intimate friends, and the news of his demise will be heard with regret by all who know him. He was a prominent member of the Masonic or-

der, and his funeral, which takes place tomorrow afternoon, will be attended by representatives of the following lodges: Dawson Lodge, No. 161 Washington Commandery, No. 135 T. and Royal Arch Chapter, F. A. A. M.

He was also a member of Columbia Lodge, I. O. O. F.
